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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed July 17, 2002, Applicant makes the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the claims as follows.

In the Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for the identification of human subjects having Alzheimer's disease responsive to treatment with a cholinomimetic drug, said method comprising determining the presence of *apoE4* gene alleles in said subject, wherein the absence of an *apoE4* gene allele in a biological sample of said subject identifies said subject